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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any food processing industry exists in Orissa to extract the pulp of citrus fruits especially Pineapple, Orange, Mango, Jackfruit and Cashew etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh initiative taken by the Government to set up any such industry during 2001 − 2002 in the tribal districts of Orissa especially in Koraput and Rayagada and other parts of Orissa?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) & (b): Food Processing Industries exist both in organized and unorganized sectors. However, under the Fruit Products Order − 1955, administered by the Department of Food Processing Industries, 48 licenses have been granted in Orissa forprocessing of fruits & vegetables including Pineapple, Orange and Mango etc.

(c): Department of Food Processing Industries does not setup food processing units on its own. However, it provides financial assistance for setting up of Food Processing Industries. Recently, the Department of Food Processing Industries has modified the pattern of assistance whereby the financial assistance for Private Sector will nowbe in the form of grant instead of soft loan. The financial assistance to Private Industry will now be restricted to 25% of the capital cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% of the capital cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas including Integrated Tribal Development Project areas.